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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 11.2% IN MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17, 1991 -- Airline passenger traffic decreased 11.2 percent in March, compared with the same month last year, and was down 7.8 percent for the first three months of 1991, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service, traffic decreased 8.6 percent in March. Available seat miles were down 4.6 percent. The passenger load factor averaged 59.8 percent, down from 62.4 percent for March, 1990. Passenger enplanements decreased 9.5 percent to 33.4 million.

In international service, traffic in March declined 19.9 percent. Available seat miles decreased 9.4 percent. Average load factor was 59.7 percent, compared with 67.6 percent for March 1990. 2.6 million passengers were enplaned in March, down 19.5 percent from the same period last year.

For the first three months of 1991, domestic traffic decreased 5.2 percent, and available seat miles were down 3.7 percent. The average load factor decreased to 57.8 percent. Passenger enplanements decreased 5.7 percent, with 92.8 million passengers.

International traffic for the first three months of 1991 was down 16.2 percent. The available seat miles decreased 5.4 percent, and the load factor averaged 57.4 percent. Passenger enplanements were down 18.1 percent to 7.4 million.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

MARCH 1991 - 1990

	MARCH			YEAR TO DATE		
	1990	1991	PERCENT CHANGE	1990	1991	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	36,861	33,350	(9.5)	98,331	92,751	(5.7)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	29,485,103	26,954,107	(8.6)	79,293,971	75,138,226	(5.2)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	47,244,727	45,077,876	(4.6)	134,915,158	129,931,725	(3.7)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	62.4	59.8		58.8	57.8	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,218	2,589	(19.5)	9,002	7,370	(18.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,717,258	6,981,066	(19.9)	24,176,161	20,270,461	(16.2)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,903,078	11,691,551	(9.4)	37,308,554	35,311,732	(5.4)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	67.6	59.7		64.8	57.4	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	40,079	35,939	(10.3)	107,333	100,121	(6.7)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	38,202,361	33,935,173	(11.2)	103,470,132	95,408,687	(7.8)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	60,147,805	56,769,427	(5.6)	172,223,712	165,243,457	(4.1)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	63.5	59.8		60.1	57.7	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICA WEST, AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, SOUTHWEST TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, AND MIDWAY.

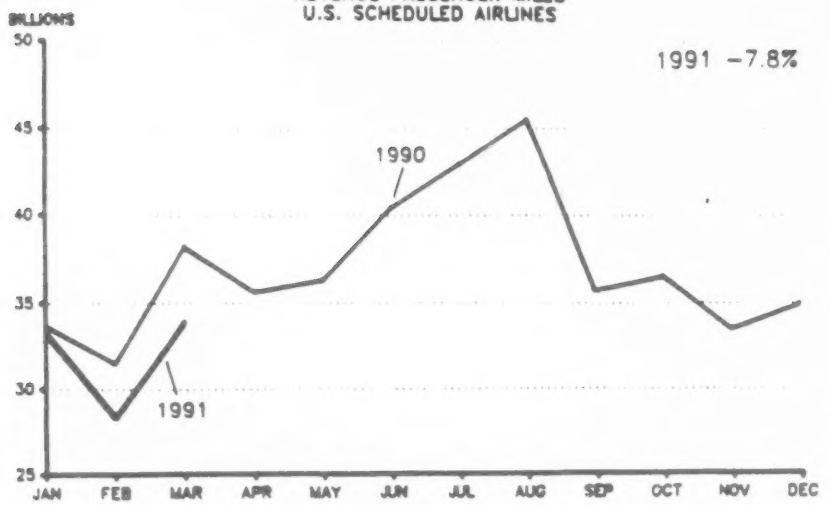
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1990				
January	33,727,179	58,813,269	57.3	34,072
February	31,540,592	53,262,638	59.2	33,182
March	38,202,361	60,147,805	63.5	40,079
April	36,510,337	58,927,018	62.0	37,972
May	37,193,764	61,056,944	60.9	37,876
June	41,305,346	61,401,163	67.3	40,451
July	43,921,303	64,709,470	67.9	41,735
August	46,593,409	65,402,556	71.2	44,489
September	36,520,229	60,761,698	60.1	35,468
October	37,501,512	62,252,748	60.2	38,026
November	34,440,984	58,487,977	58.9	35,830
December	35,816,112	60,022,794	59.7	35,872
TOTAL 1990	453,273,128	725,246,080	62.5	455,052
Jan - Mar	103,470,132	172,223,712	60.1	107,333
1991				
January	33,156,624	58,193,604	57.0	33,323
February	28,316,890	50,280,426	56.3	30,859
March	33,935,173	56,769,427	59.8	35,939
TOTAL 1991	95,408,687	165,243,457	57.7	100,121

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1991/1990			
March	-11.2	-5.6	-10.3
Jan - March	-7.8	-4.1	-6.7

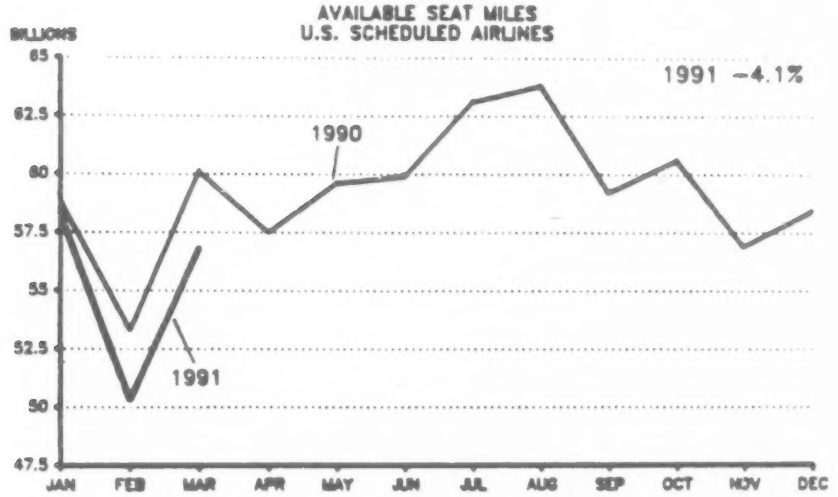
PASSENGER TRAFFIC

REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY

AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



LOAD FACTOR

PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES